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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 27, 2002, in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

REMARKS

Claims 21-31 and 37-41 are pending in the application. Claims 37-41 have been withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention. Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Claims 21-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over WO 98/55280. The Examiner states that the reference discloses embodiments which are substantially an anticipation of at least maintaining a plurality of wood veneer substrates in a fixed relationship to each other. The Examiner goes on to state that the tape is capable of maintaining the wood veneer substrates in a fixed relationship to each other before and during a lamination process and is preferably cleanly removable from the substrates following the lamination process. The Examiner states that the reference teaches that the adhesive may be manipulated by changing the level of tack and the degree of crosslinking to yield a suitable adhesive composition exhibiting the required properties. Therefore, the Examiner states that it is within the skill of one on the art to permit a significant amount of adhesive to remain on the wood veneer substrate.